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In the absence of Mr. MacKay (New Zealand), Mr. Elji (Syrian Arab Republic), Vice-Chairman, took the Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10.15 a.m.

Agenda item 164: Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan (*continued*) (A/59/756/Corr.2; A/C.5/59/L.48)

1. **The Chairman** drew attention to a correction to paragraph 19 of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the period from 1 July 2004 to 31 October 2005 (A/59/756), contained in document A/59/756/Corr.2.

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2. **Ms. Buchanan** (New Zealand), introducing draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.48, said that agreement had been reached on paragraph 7 of the draft resolution based on an assurance from the Secretariat that no assessed peacekeeping contributions would be used for disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) programmes before 1 July 2005. The Committee would revert to the issue at the second part of the resumed session.

3. **Mr. Simancas** (Mexico) noted that the provisional organizational chart (A/59/756, annex) indicated that a Personnel Conduct Office was to be established in the Mission. However, neither the General Assembly nor the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations had taken a decision on the matter. While his delegation was ready to join the consensus on the draft resolution owing to its commitment to maintaining peace in the Sudan, it was doing so on the understanding that no precedent was being created and that such matters were for the General Assembly to decide. It further understood that the posts in the Mission, including those in the Personnel Conduct Unit, were being established on a temporary basis.

4. *Draft resolution A/C.5/59/L.48 was adopted.*

5. **Mr. Alarcón** (Costa Rica), speaking in explanation of position, endorsed the statement made by the representative of Mexico. He understood, based on the information provided by the Secretariat, that a child protection office was also to be established in the Mission, although it had not been included in the provisional organizational chart. He was grateful for the explanation given by the representative of New Zealand regarding the use of assessed peacekeeping contributions for DDR. It was regrettable that the Committee had been forced to seek such clarification because of the lack of clear information from the Secretariat. In future, the Secretariat should be more open and transparent so that delegations had the facts they needed to take well-informed decisions.

Completion of the work of the Fifth Committee at the first part of the resumed fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly

6. **The Chairman** declared that the Fifth Committee had completed its work at the first part of the resumed fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

The meeting rose at 10.30 a.m.